

REMARKS

In the August 28, 2006 Office Action, claims 1, 2, 4-11, 21 and 22 were rejected. This Response amends claims 8, 9, 11, 21, and 22, cancels claims 1-7, 10, and 12-20 without prejudice or disclaimer, and introduces new claims 23-25. After entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 8, 9, 11, and 21-25 (8 total claims; 2 independent claims; no additional claim fees due) remain pending in the application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 21 and 22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The Office Action indicated that claims 21 and 22 would be allowable if amended to overcome the §112 rejection (both claims are independent claims and, therefore, there are no intervening dependent claims). These claims have been amended as suggested by the Examiner to recite “without any external fastening mechanism.” Accordingly, Applicant requests the withdrawal of the §112 rejection of claims 21 and 22.

Claims 1-2 and 4-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claims 1, 2, and 4-11 also stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). These rejections are moot in view of the amended claims.

Claims 8, 9, and 11 have been amended to depend from claim 21. Therefore, these claims are also allowable.

New claims 23, 24, and 25 each depend from claim 22. Claims 23, 24, and 25 recite the same limitations recited in claims 8, 9, and 11, respectively. No new matter has been introduced. Therefore, these claims are also allowable.

In conclusion, for the reasons given above, all claims now presently in the application are believed allowable and such allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to further discuss this application, Applicant requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney at (480) 385-5060.

If for some reason Applicant has not requested a sufficient extension and/or have not paid a sufficient fee for this response and/or for the extension necessary to prevent abandonment on this application, please consider this as a request for an extension for the

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required time period and/or authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 50-2091 for any fee which may be due.

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